A map of the Middle East region with Iraq highlighted in yellow. The surrounding countries are shown in a light tan color, and the Persian Gulf is shown in light blue. The text is overlaid on the map.

Iraq Weekly Status Report

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Highlights

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1. **Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgents**

Rafid Sabah, an al-Qaida leader also known as Abu Taghrid and Abu Azar, was killed in Baghdad by Coalition forces (CF) during a military operation September 21. Sabah planned and conducted numerous car and truck bomb attacks throughout Baghdad, facilitated bomb making operations and the movement of foreign terrorists, and was involved in kidnappings.

2. **Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance**

MNF-I spokesman, Rear Admiral Mark Fox, reported September 23 that 744 police officers recruited from Abu Ghraib graduated from the Baghdad Police College September 24 and another 800 will graduate September 26. He said, "Over the next six months, some 12,000 new Iraqi Security Force members will be trained, a clear indication of Iraqis taking ownership of their own security."

3. **Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government**

President George W. Bush told Iraqi Prime Minister Maliki that his government must do more to help advance national reconciliation. Meeting Maliki on the sidelines of a U.N. General Assembly session, Bush pressed the Iraqi leader on getting parliament to pass laws aimed at healing bitter sectarian divisions more than four years after a U.S.-led invasion toppled Saddam Hussein.

4. **Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services**

The Ministry of Electricity increased electricity generation to 5500 megawatts through the installation of new equipment. The Ministry hopes to increase repairs to infrastructure that will increase production to 6500 megawatts by next year.



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5. Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy

Iraq's Finance Minister stated that oil sales will make up 85% of next year's budget – a decrease from this year's budget. Bayan Jabr said the remaining 15% would come from taxes and other exports as the government attempts to decrease its oil receipt dependence and diversify its revenue.

6. Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law

In the first week of a special program during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, the U.S. military released 260 Iraqi detainees from U.S. prisons. The released detainees "are tracked, and if they act outside the law, they are turned over to the Iraqi judicial system," Rear Admiral Mark Fox told reporters in Baghdad last week.

7. International Support for Iraq

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki co-chaired a foreign minister-level meeting on the UN's role in Iraq and the International Compact with Iraq in New York September 22. Secretary Rice represented the United States. The Secretary General stated that the UN is ready to expand its role in Iraq to mediate between rival sects, help build political participation and increase humanitarian help.

8. Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents

In response to the number of Iraqi journalists slain since 2003, the Iraqi Journalists Union is planning to offer martial arts and survival courses to help its members cope with the risks of a journalism career in Iraq.



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Car Bomb Network Leader Killed and Quds Force Officer Captured:

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- CF arrested an Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Guard Core Quds Force officer in Sulaymaniyah September 20. The individual had been involved in transporting IED's and explosively formed penetrators (EFPs) into Iraq. When captured, the Quds Force officer was posing as a businessman.

Coalition Forces and Iraqi Security Forces Pursue al-Qaida in Diyala:

- In the past week, Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) and CF aggressively targeted and pursued al-Qaida elements in Diyala province and in the southern Baghdad belts, resulting in 62 terrorists killed or captured and 17 weapons caches found and destroyed.



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Iraqi Security Forces Discover Cache Bomb Making Materials:

- Iraq Security Forces, working with U.S. special forces and advisors in western Ninewah province, discovered and destroyed a cache containing 7.5 tons of ammonium nitrate and ammonium phosphate 20 kilometers from where the Aziziyah attacks occurred last month. These bomb making materials are used to make car bombs similar to the ones that targeted the Yazidi population in Sinjar.

Iran Smuggling Missiles into Iraq:

- The U.S. military accused Iran September 23 of smuggling surface-to-air missiles and other advanced weapons into Iraq for use against American troops. Military spokesman, Rear Admiral Mark Fox, said U.S. troops were continuing to find Iranian-supplied weaponry including the Misagh 1, a portable surface-to-air missile that uses an infrared guidance system. Other advanced Iranian weaponry found in Iraq includes the RPG-29 rocket-propelled grenade, 240 mm rockets and armor-piercing roadside bombs known as EFPs.

Nature of the Enemy: Story of an Iran-Backed Iraqi Insurgent:

- In an article entitled "Baghdad Security Guard by Day, Insurgent by Night", the story of a 30 year old Iraqi insurgent is examined including the funding of his activities by the Iranian Government: "Ahmed admits he is a member of what the US military terms "Special Groups" -- secret Shiite cells it says wage acts of "terrorism" in Iraq with the financial and military backing of Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards units. 'Our mission... Kill the Americans, as many Americans as possible...'"



[2.] Transition to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

Iraqi Security Forces Graduate from Baghdad Police College:

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Iraqi Security Forces Engaged in Mosul:

- In and around Mosul during separate engagements this week, Iraqi Army (IA) soldiers from the 2nd and 3rd IA Divisions, and Iraqi Police units discovered and disabled a car bomb, repelled a complex attack that included RPGs and suicide bombs, and detained two dozen individuals.

Iraqi Soldiers Arrest a Top Police Official:

- Iraqi soldiers arrested a high-ranking federal police official September 21 in Baghdad on suspicion of targeting Sunni Arabs for arrest and torture on behalf of radical Shiite militias. Colonel Thamir Mohammed Ismail Hussein, also known as Abu Turab, was the intelligence officer for the 2nd National Police Division Headquarters. He is accused of directing federal officers to detain Sunnis at checkpoints in west Baghdad. Hussein also allegedly ordered officers to abuse their captives into making false confessions and to hold them for ransom.



[2.] Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance – **Iraqi Security Forces**

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Ministry of Interior Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	~135,000
NATIONAL POLICE	~ 26,300
OTHER MOI FORCES	~32,900
TOTAL	~194,200*

Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	~163,500***
AIR FORCE	~900
NAVY	~1,100
TOTAL	~165,500**

Total Trained & Equipped ISF:

~359,700****

- * Ministry of Interior Forces: Unauthorized absence personnel are included in these numbers
- ** Ministry of Defense Forces: Unauthorized absence personnel are not included in these numbers
- *** Army numbers include Special Operations Forces and Support Forces
- **** Does not include the approximately 144,000 Facilities Protection Service personnel working in 27 ministries

Latest Data Available



[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government

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President Bush Urges Reconciliation in Talks with Iraq's Prime Minister:

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Suicide Bomber kills 25 at Baqubah Tribal Meeting:

- A suicide bomber killed 25 people and injured 40 in Baqubah, Diyala Province as top Shia and Sunni Muslim leaders broke their Ramadan fast together in a show of unity. The attack targeted Diyala provincial and tribal leaders who are part of US efforts to forge an alliance against Sunni extremists. Governor Tamimi was injured in the blast, which killed the Baqubah police chief, General Ali Dalyan.



[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government - Iraqi National Unity Government

Deputy President Tariq al-Hashimi	President Jalal Talabani	Deputy President 'Adil 'Abd al-Mahdi
Deputy Prime Minister Barham Salih	Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki	Deputy Prime Minister Salam al-Zawba'i

(F) = Female

* Vacant

Minister of Agriculture *	Minister of Communications Muhammad Tawfiq Allawi	Minister of Culture *	Minister of Defense Abdul Qadir Muhammed Jasim	Minister of Displacement & Migration Abd al-Samad Rahman Sultan	Minister of Electricity Karim Wahid
Minister of Education Khudayyir al-Khuza'i	Minister of Environment Narmin 'Uthman (F)	Minister of Finance Bayan Jabr	Minister of Foreign Affairs Hoshyar Zebari	Minister of Health *	Minister of Higher Education Abd Dhiyab al-Ajili
Minister of Human Rights Wijdan Mikha'il (F)	Minister of Industry & Minerals Fawzi al-Hariri	Minister of Interior Jawad al-Bulani	Minister of Justice Safa al Safi (acting)	Minister of Housing & Construction Bayan Daza'l (F)	Minister of Labor & Social Affairs Mahmud Muhammad Jawad al-Radi
Minister of Oil Husayn al-Shahristani	Minister of Planning Ali Baban	Minister of Trade Abd al-Falah al-Sudani	Minister of Science & Technology Ra'id Fahmi Jahid	Minister of Municipalities & Public Works Riyad Ghurayyib	Minister of Transportation *
Minister of Water Resources 'Abd al-Latif Rashid	Minister of Youth & Sports Jasim Muhammad Ja'far	Minister of State for Civil Society Wijdan Mikha'il (acting)	Minister of State for National Dialogue Affairs Akram al-Hakim	Minister of State for National Security Affairs Shirwan al-Waili	
Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rafi Hiyad al-Isawi	Minister of State for Governorates Affairs *	Minister of State for Tourism and Antiquities *	Minister of State for Women's Affairs Fatin Abd al-Rahman Mahmud (F)	Minister of State for CoR Affairs Safa al-Safi	



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Financials from Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) 1 and IRRF 2

(Millions of USD)

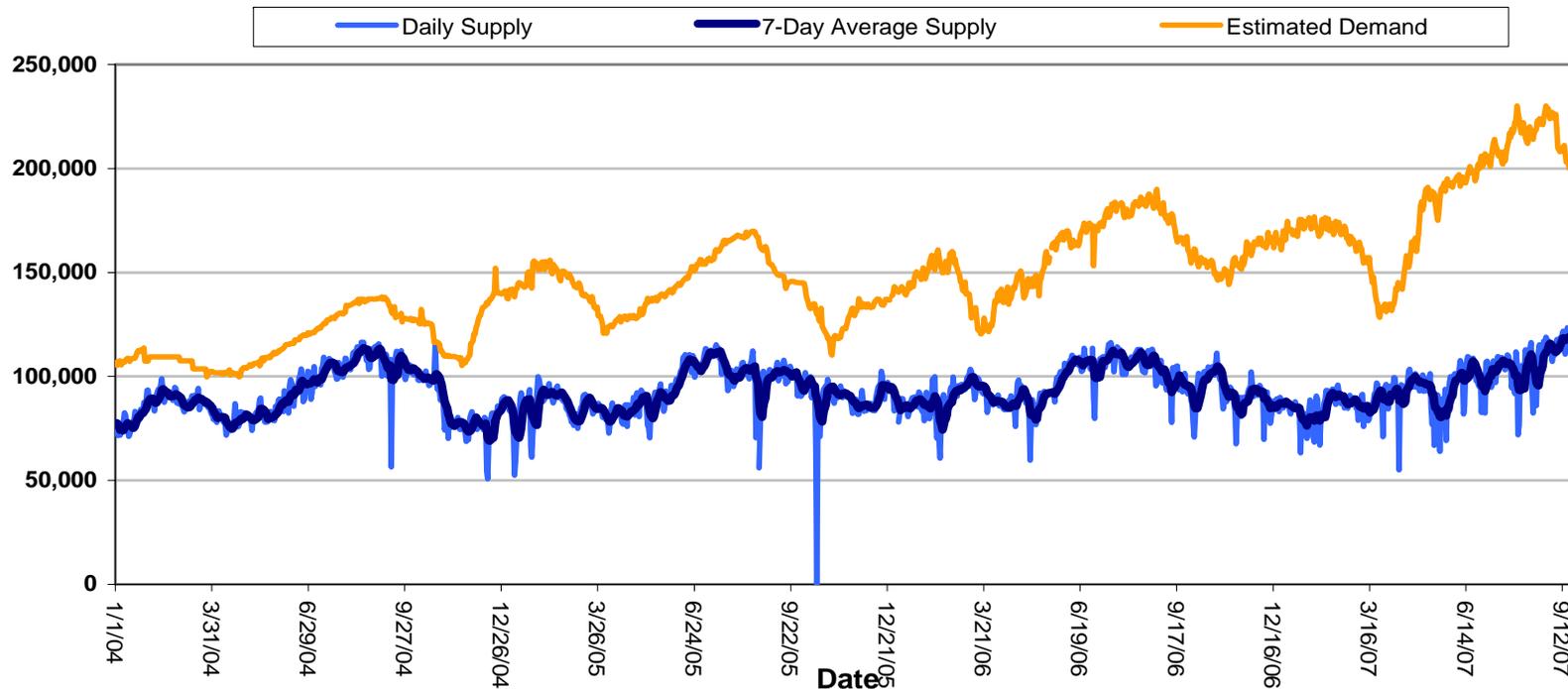
Sector			Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
	Apportioned	Unapportioned	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law Enforcement	\$4,984.74	\$19.88	\$4,961.23	\$4,961.23	\$0.00	\$4,959.95	\$4,959.95	\$0.00	\$4,816.89	\$4,816.89	\$0.00
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	\$2,283.59	\$24.07	\$2,259.62	\$2,259.60	(\$0.02)	\$2,253.73	\$2,253.71	(\$0.02)	\$2,077.11	\$2,077.11	\$0.00
Electricity Sector	\$4,190.56	\$34.53	\$4,125.05	\$4,125.05	\$0.00	\$4,006.65	\$4,006.65	\$0.00	\$3,506.55	\$3,506.55	\$0.00
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,713.78	\$10.92	\$1,594.35	\$1,594.35	\$0.00	\$1,545.57	\$1,545.57	\$0.00	\$1,478.69	\$1,478.69	\$0.00
Water Resources and Sanitation	\$2,084.08	\$17.57	\$1,975.76	\$1,975.76	\$0.00	\$1,930.88	\$1,930.88	\$0.00	\$1,886.77	\$1,886.77	\$0.00
Transportation and Communications	\$452.99	\$4.01	\$452.93	\$452.93	\$0.00	\$449.58	\$449.58	\$0.00	\$362.35	\$362.35	\$0.00
Roads, Bridges and Construction	\$332.34	\$1.26	\$322.81	\$322.81	\$0.00	\$320.82	\$320.82	\$0.00	\$233.32	\$233.32	\$0.00
Health Care	\$812.72	\$9.76	\$771.09	\$771.09	\$0.00	\$761.40	\$761.40	\$0.00	\$690.27	\$690.27	\$0.00
Private Sector Development	\$820.51	\$2.04	\$810.50	\$810.50	\$0.00	\$810.50	\$810.50	\$0.00	\$794.23	\$794.23	\$0.00
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	\$436.57	\$0.03	\$422.94	\$422.94	\$0.00	\$422.86	\$422.86	\$0.00	\$380.06	\$380.06	\$0.00
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	\$210.60	\$2.40	\$209.95	\$209.95	\$0.00	\$209.95	\$209.95	\$0.00	\$204.54	\$204.54	\$0.00
Total	\$18,322.47	\$126.48	\$17,906.24	\$17,906.22	(\$0.02)	\$17,671.89	\$17,671.87	(\$0.02)	\$16,230.79	\$16,230.79	\$0.00
IRRF II Non-Construction	-	-	\$7,702.98	\$7,702.96	(\$0.02)	\$7,696.14	\$7,696.12	(\$0.02)	\$7,282.27	\$7,282.27	\$0.00
IRRF II Construction	-	-	\$9,683.56	\$9,683.56	\$0.00	\$9,456.05	\$9,456.05	\$0.00	\$8,438.92	\$8,438.92	\$0.00
IRRF II Overhead	-	-	\$519.70	\$519.70	\$0.00	\$519.70	\$519.70	\$0.00	\$509.60	\$509.60	\$0.00
IRRF I Total	\$2,473.30	\$0.00	\$2,473.30	\$2,473.30	\$0.00	\$2,232.3	\$2,232.3	\$0.00	\$2,139.00	\$2,139.0	\$0.00
Grand Total IRRF I & II	\$20,795.77	\$126.48	\$20,379.54	\$20,379.52	(\$0.02)	\$19,904.19	\$19,904.17	(\$0.02)	\$18,369.79	\$18,369.79	\$0.00



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Electricity Overview

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Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004



- For September 19-25, both daily electricity demand and daily electricity supply from the grid were 21% above the same period in 2006. Daily supply from the grid met 58% of total electricity demand, unchanged from the year-earlier period.
- Average hours of power via electricity grid after meeting demand from essential services: Baghdad 8.0 and nationwide 12.0. Year-ago levels were Baghdad 4.4 and nationwide 11.1.



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Provision of Essential Services

Electricity:

- On September 20 an authorized source within the Electricity Ministry told al-Sabah newspaper that the ministry had increased its power production to 5500 megawatts after installing new generating units in some power stations. According to the source, this production would allow 12 hours of daily power but attacks prevented this from happening. The Electricity Ministry also plans to increase production to 6500 megawatts by next year: increasing repair on electrical stations throughout the country.

Water:

- PortAl Iraq reported September 21 that the Nasiriyah Water Treatment Plant was turned over to the Government of Iraq in a recent signing ceremony at the Gulf Region Division headquarters. The \$277 million project provides potable water to five major cities in Nasiriyah province (approximately 550,000 residents) and employs a staff of more than 120. The U.S. Government has completed 662 of 886 planned water projects. Of those completed projects, 508 are water treatment and sewage projects.

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[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Provision of Essential Services

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Healthcare:

- The Iraqi Health Ministry announced September 22 that a Cholera case was detected for the first time in Basra. Dr. Adel Mohsen, the General Inspector for the Iraqi Health Ministry stated that the case was confirmed in the al-Emdaiynah district in Basra. The cause of the disease was contaminated drinking water. Ten Iraqis have since the recent cholera outbreak, nine in Sulaimaniya and one in Kirkuk. The Iraqi Parliament began discussions September 24th concerning measures to control the Cholera outbreak.
- A cholera outbreak in Iraq is spreading, the World Health Organization (WHO) reported September 25, with new cases confirmed in Baghdad, Basra and for the first time three northern districts. The number of confirmed cases has now reached 2,116, WHO said.



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – **Government Capacity**

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Basrah:

- The Basrah Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) worked with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to host a week-long Basrah Public Works Initiative conference in Dubai. The PRT and USACE brought in key staff (sewage, water, and electricity managers) together with counterparts from the UAE and Jordan. The participants worked through project management models and best practices, while visiting Dubai municipal service plants to demonstrate them in action.

Kirkuk:

- The Kirkuk province has obligated 62.3% of its 2007 reconstruction budget. Last week, the price of kerosene saw a 20% spike, but has since returned to normal. The spike was largely due to the fact that consumers had been stockpiling kerosene in preparation for the winter months causing a temporary surge in demand. Regional power plants operated normally. The national grid supplied 14 hours per day to the province with households seeing 6-8 hours per day.



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Oil Update and Job Creation

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Oil Update:

- Crude oil price averages in world markets for the week ending September 21 closed with the following prices:
 - Basrah Light at \$74.008/ barrel
 - Dated Brent at \$78.06/barrel
 - WTI Cushing at \$82.15/ barrel
 - Oman/Dubai at \$74.746/barrel

Employment Update:

Employment Program	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	% Change
Gulf Region District (GRD) (Includes MILCON/OMA)	25,637	23,591	-7.98%
US Agency for International Development (USAID)	72,092	72,092	0.00%
Commander’s Emergency Response Program (CERP)	3,519	3,416	-2.93%
Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq (MNSTC-I)	4,794	6,716	40.09%
Grand Total	106,042	105,815	-0.21%

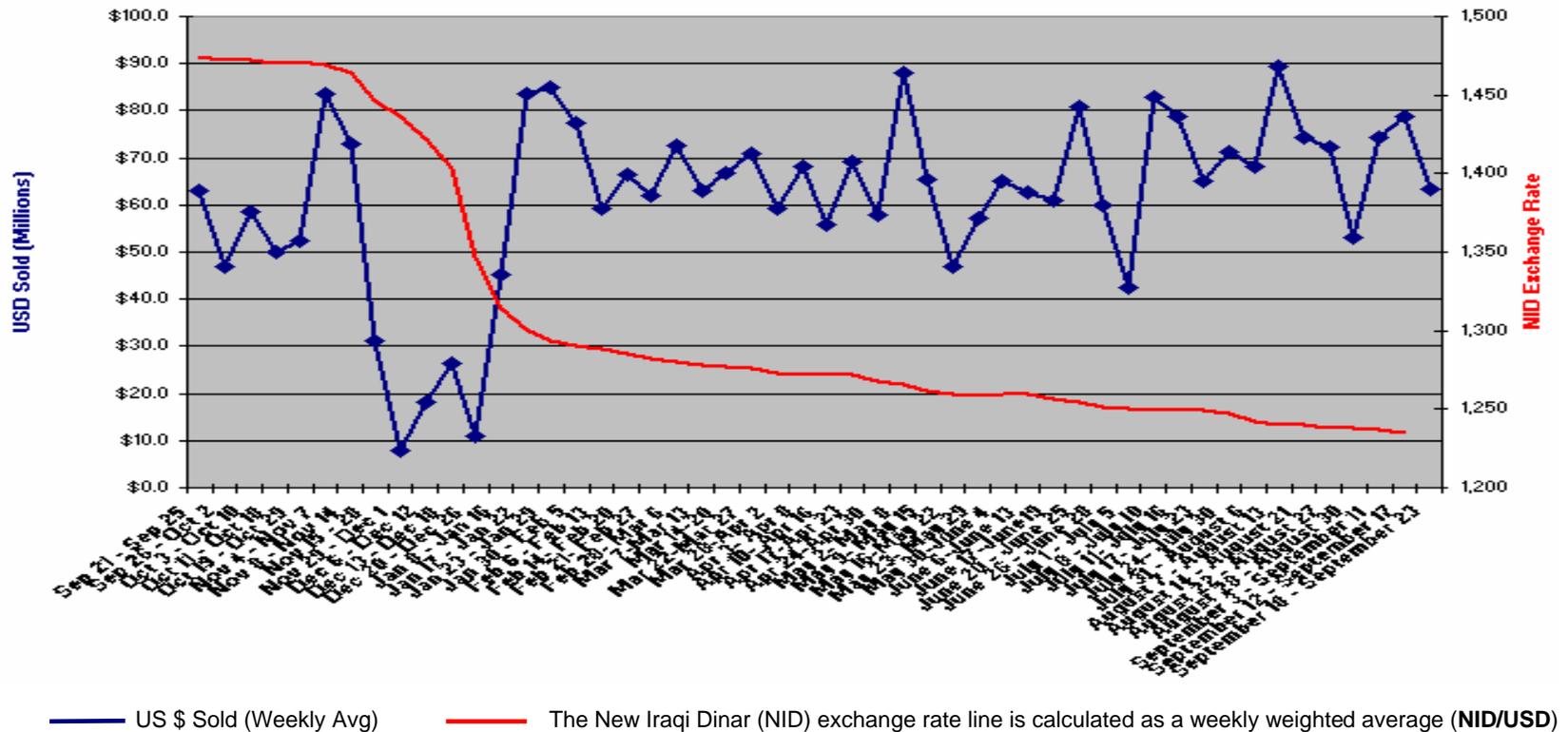


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

Central Bank's US Dollar (USD) Currency Auction:

- The following table shows volume sold of and exchange rates for USD in the Iraqi currency auction since April. Since September, the Central Bank of Iraq (CBI) has slowly appreciated the Dinar, as suggested by the IMF, in an effort to rein in inflation. Year-to-date inflation through August is 11.2% and the year-on-year inflation rate dropped to 20%, as monthly inflation for August 2007 was lower than for August 2006. Historically, prices tend to rise in the latter part of the year, and August's increase may reflect that pattern.

**Central Bank of Iraq
USD Currency Auction: September 3, 2006 – September 23, 2007**



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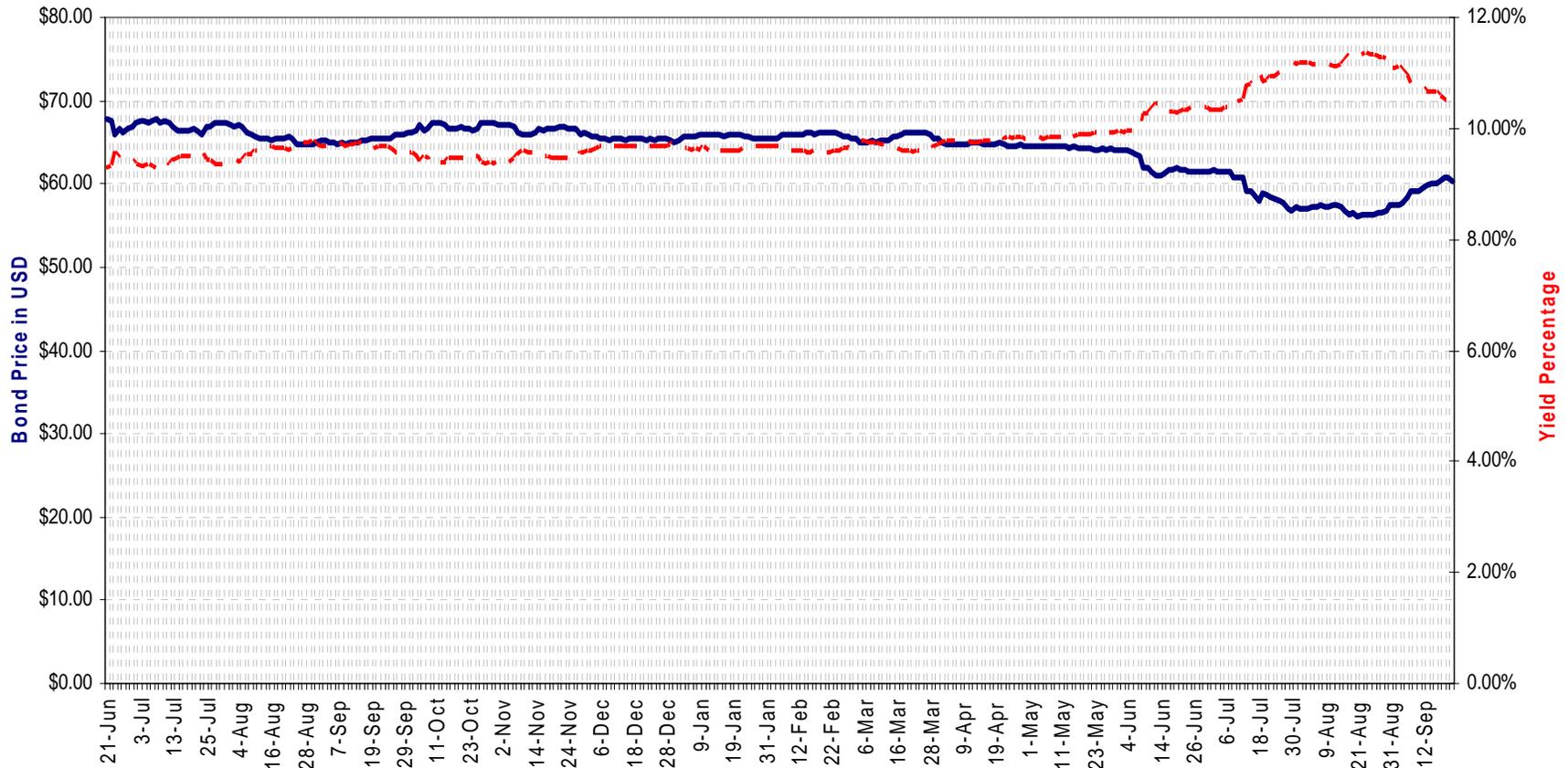


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

Trading of Iraqi Bonds on the International Secondary Bond Market:

- The following table shows the daily bond resale price and yield on Iraqi bonds issued January 20. The bonds were originally issued to approximately two-thirds of Iraq's commercial creditors as part of a debt exchange arrangement as per Paris Club terms. Iraq's commercial debt was approximately \$22 billion before the debt-swap arrangement. The bonds, which are not yet rated, will mature in 2028.

Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales
June 21, 2006 - September 21, 2007



Trading High = \$73.98 (January 24)

Trading Low = \$64.66 (August 30)



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Economic Events

2008 Iraq Budget:

- Iraq's Finance Minister stated that oil sales will make up 85% of next year's budget – a decrease from this year's budget. Bayan Jabr said the remaining 15% would come from taxes and other exports as the government attempts to decrease its oil receipt dependence and diversify revenue. Iraq's oil sales funded 93% of the current budget and 97% of the 2006 budget. Jabr went on to say that the 2007 budget was based on oil exports of 1.9 million barrels per day, but real exports are about 1.5 million barrels per day.

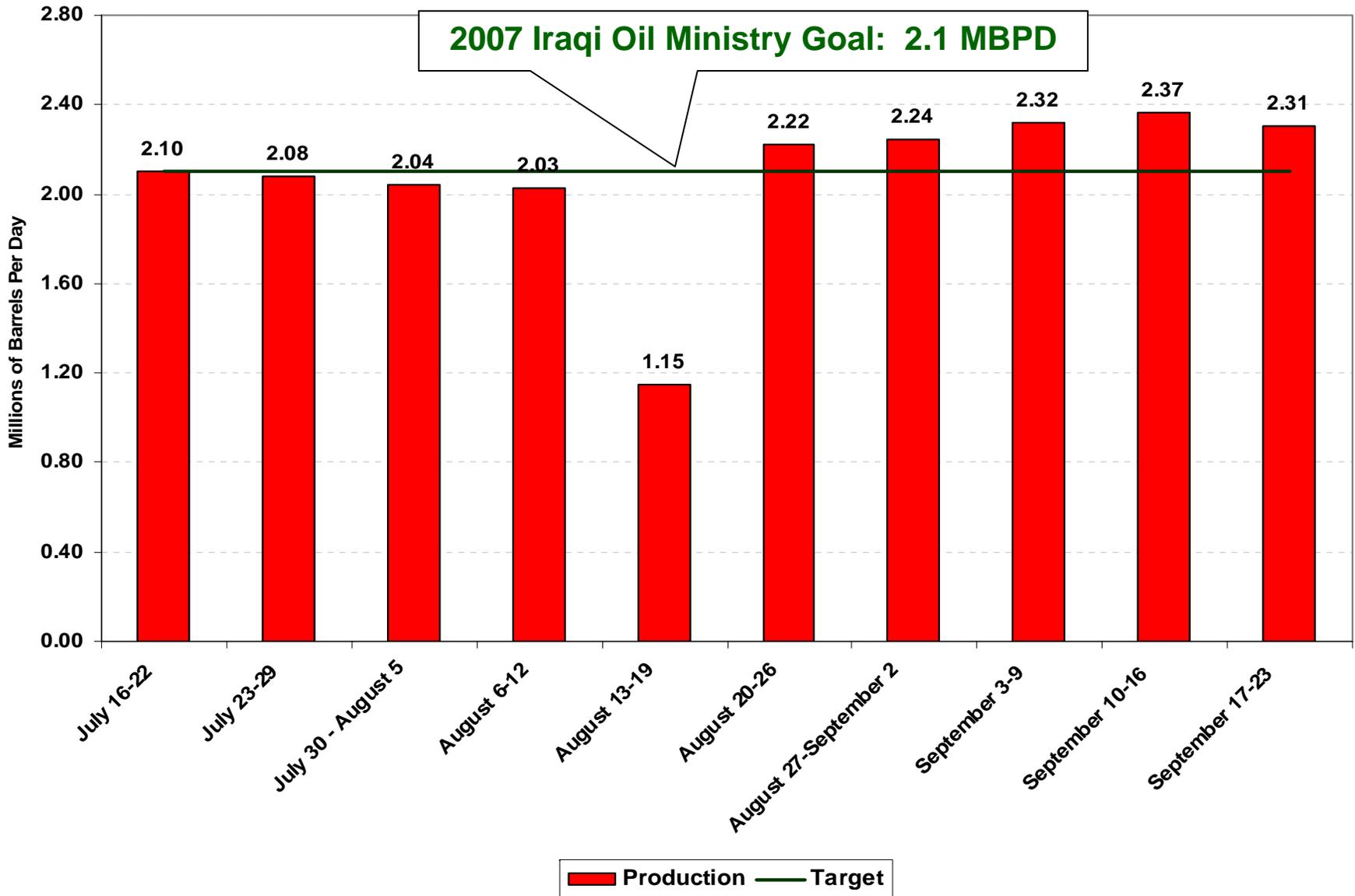
Iranian Border Closure

- Wholesale markets in Iraq's Kurdistan Region have seen a slight increase in the prices of Iranian goods in the aftermath of the Iranian government's decision to close all border crossings with the region September 24. Local traders expect a further hike over the coming days. A spokesman for the Kurdistan Regional Government, reported September 25 that Iran closed four out of five outlets on the borders with the Kurdistan region.
- A trader from the main wholesale market in Irbil, Shaykh Allah, said that one ton of Iranian iodized salt is now sold for 100,000 Iraqi Dinar (\$80), compared to 77,000 Iraqi Dinar (\$61.50) a day earlier. Qasim Jasim, a foodstuff wholesale trader, said that he expects a similar increase in the prices of Turkish goods, which he said will replace Iranian goods in the region's markets. Dozens of carriers and drivers will lose their jobs due to the closure of border outlets.



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Production

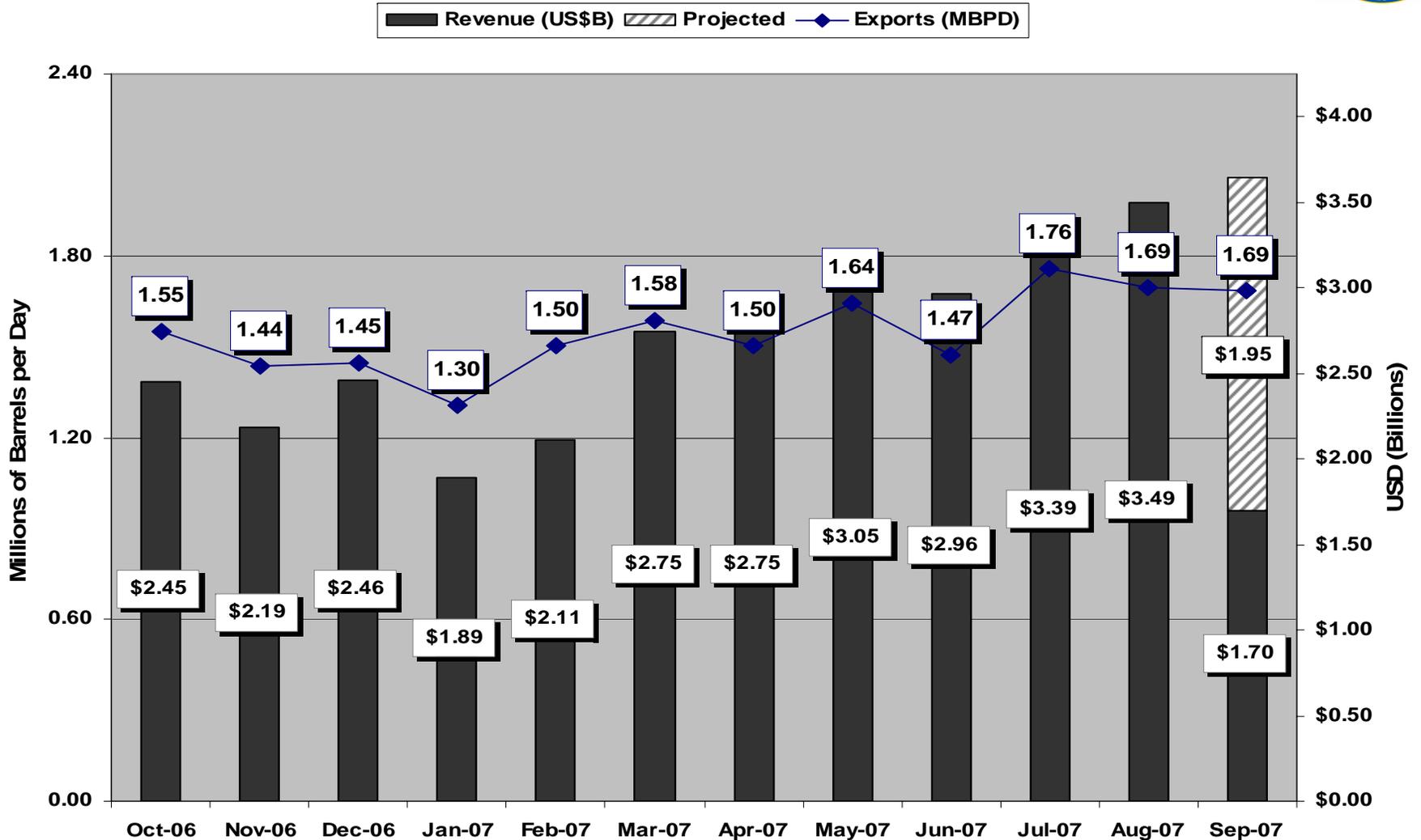
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[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Export

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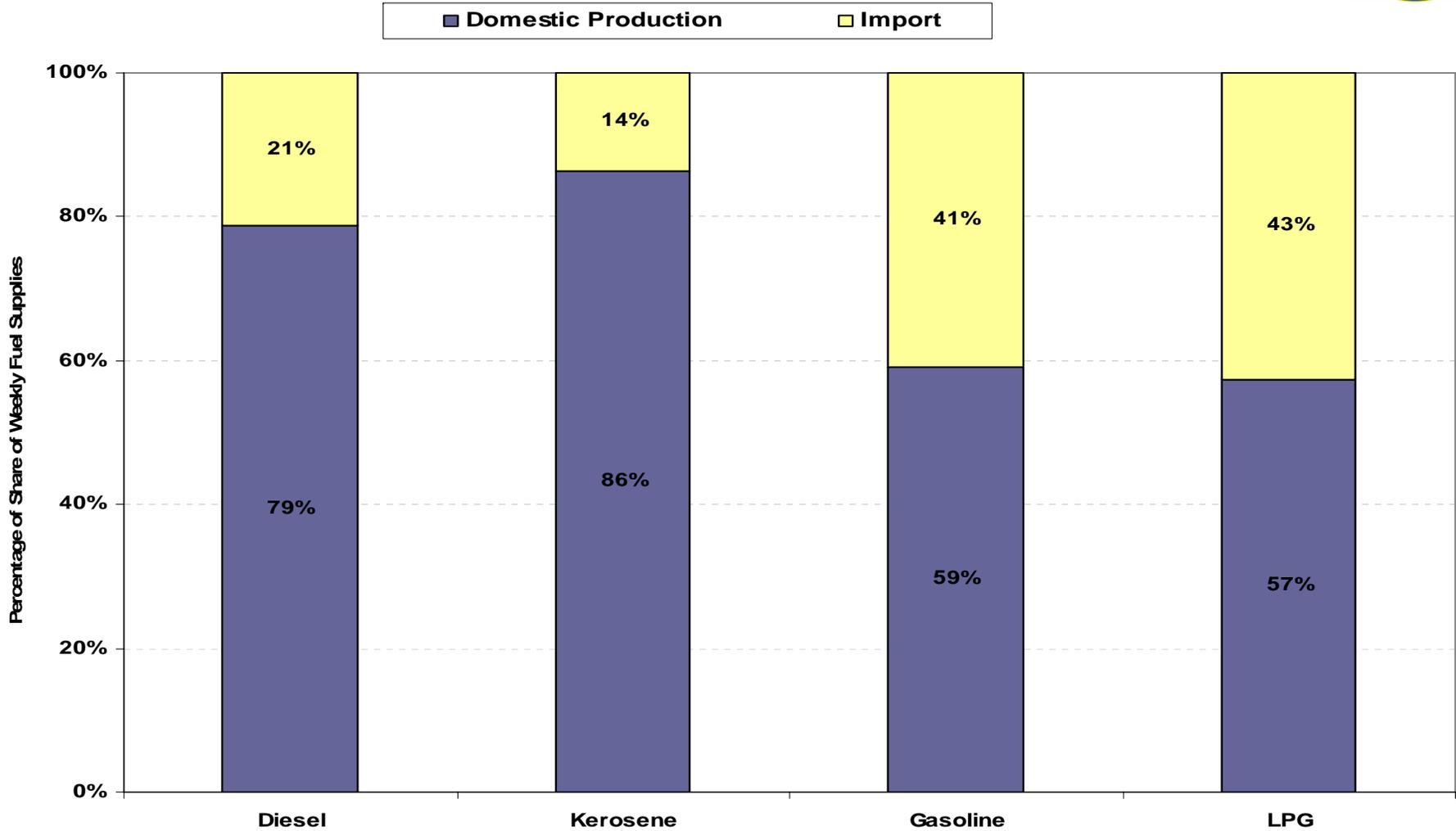


- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$31.3 Billion
- 2007 Revenue Estimate: \$24.1 Billion (Year to Date)



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Total Critical Refined Product Supplies

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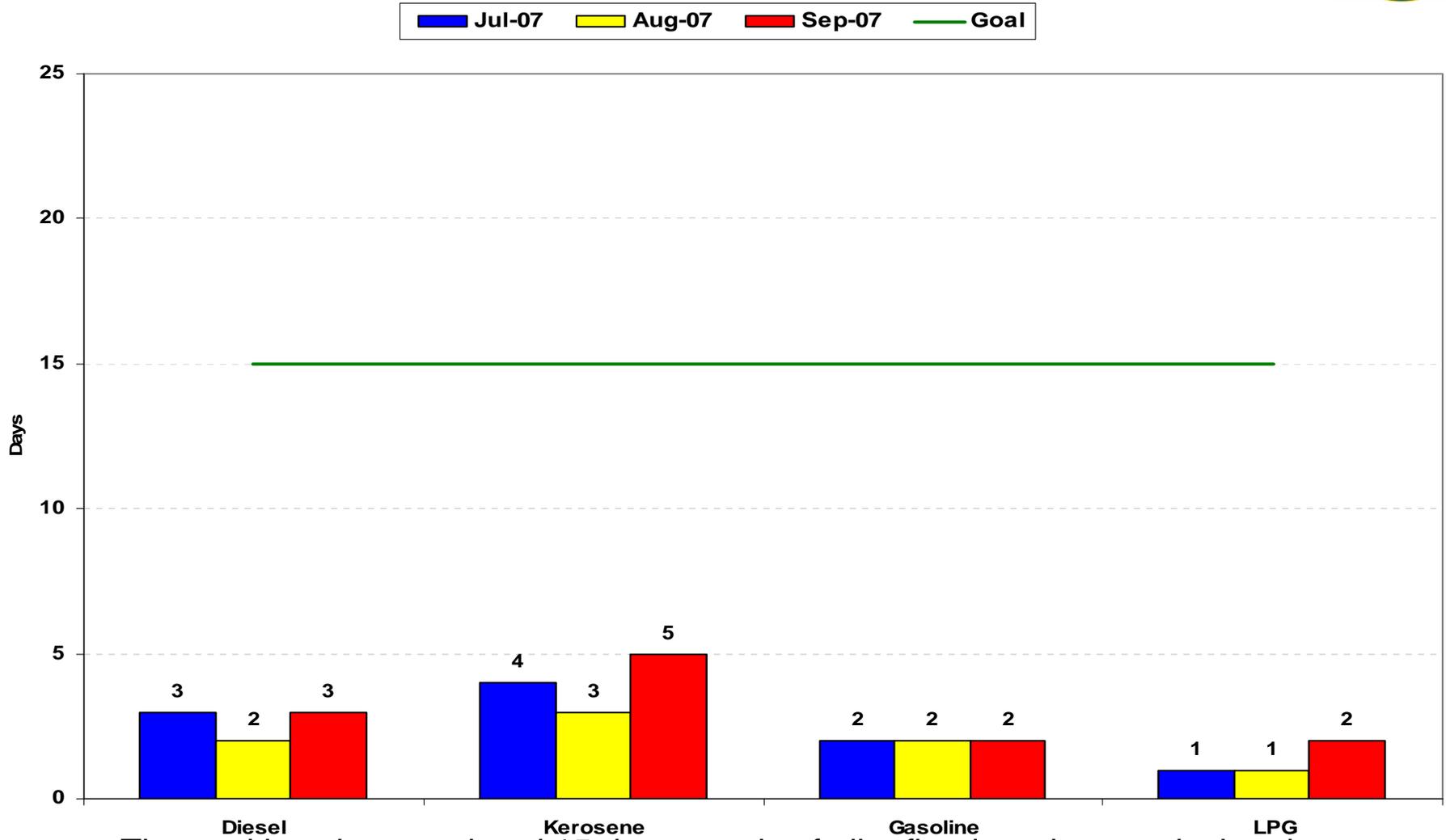
Note: This is a daily average for September 17 – 23

- Diesel: 14.3 ML supply of 24.5 ML target
- Kerosene: 8.4 ML supply of 11.1 ML target
- Gasoline: 17.1 ML supply of 23.1 ML target
- LPG: 4,097 tons supply of 5,100 tons target



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – National Stock Levels

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- The goal is to have on hand 15 days supply of all refined products, calculated on the basis of maximum consumption over the year and not adjusted for seasonal variation. The numbers given above are monthly averages.



[6.] Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law and Promote Civil Rights— Rule of Law

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U.S. Releases 260 Detainees:

- In the first week of a special program during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, the U.S. military released 260 Iraqi detainees from U.S. prisons. The released detainees "are tracked, and if they act outside the law, they are turned over to the Iraqi judicial system," Rear Admiral Mark Fox told reporters in Baghdad last week. The Ramadan program is part of a joint U.S.-Iraqi venture called Lion's Paw, and it is intended to step up the normally slow pace of detainee releases, to between 50 and 80 Iraqis per day, until the holy month ends October 13.

"Chemical Ali" Wants Trial to be Adjourned:

- Saddam Hussein's notorious hatchet man Ali Hassan al-Majid, also known as "Chemical Ali", demanded September 24 that the trial accusing him and 14 other former regime officials for crimes against humanity be adjourned for another month. "Chemical Ali" - who has been given the dealt penalty after conviction in a separate trial - and his co-defendants are accused of having overseen a bloodbath in which up to 100,000 Shiites were killed by Saddam's security forces. The slaughter came in March 1991 after Iraqi troops were driven out of Kuwait by a U.S.-led alliance. The Shiite uprising trial resumed September 24 after a month long break and "Chemical Ali" urged that the proceedings be adjourned by another month. He and another defendant, Ibrahim Abdul Razzaz, said their lawyers were afraid to attend the trial.



[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – **Developments**

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UN Ready to Expand Role in Iraq:

- UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki co-chaired a foreign minister-level meeting on the UN's role in Iraq and the International Compact with Iraq in New York September 22. Secretary Rice represented the United States. The Secretary General stated that the UN is ready to expand its role in Iraq to mediate between rival sects, help build political participation and increase humanitarian help, adding "The time for determined, collective action has come." Prime Minister Maliki requested additional UN support for his country, maintaining that the security situation has improved enough for that to happen, although he admitted that pockets of tension and violence. Many of the ministers in attendance voiced support for the International Compact with Iraq.

Turkey – Iraq To Conclude Security Agreement:

- Turkey and Iraq agreed to sign a counterterrorism deal cracking down on separatist Kurdish rebels operating in northern Iraq. The agreement would require Turkish forces to seek Iraqi authorization to cross into Iraq for small-scale operations to chase the rebels. The agreement was reached during a September 25 visit by Iraqi Interior Minister Jawad al-Bolani to Ankara.



[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – Contributors to Iraqi Stability Operations

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27 Countries with forces in Iraq (including U.S.)

Albania	Denmark	Korea	Poland
Armenia	El Salvador	Latvia	Romania
Australia	Estonia	Lithuania	Singapore
Azerbaijan	Georgia	Macedonia	Slovakia
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Japan	Moldova	Tonga
Bulgaria	Kazakhstan	Mongolia	Ukraine
Czech Republic			UK

TOTAL ~ 12,279 Forces

*Note: Fiji and New Zealand participating as a part of the UN mission in Iraq.

35 Countries and NATO*
(including the U.S.)
Support Iraqi Stability Operations

*35 includes the 27 countries listed above, Fiji, New Zealand and six non-MNF-I countries: Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Turkey



[8.] Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents – **Developments**

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Survival Skills for Iraqi Reporters:

- With many Iraqi journalists slain since 2003, the Iraqi Journalists Union is planning to offer martial arts and survival courses to help its members cope with the risks of life in this country.

Iraq to Celebrate Addition of Sammara to World Heritage List:

- The Ministry of Tourism and Archaeology is to celebrate a decision by the U.N.'s cultural organization, UNESCO, to place Samarra's ancient sites on the World Heritage List of sites in danger.



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